



Debra L. Anderson

January 10, 1945 - May 8, 2020

IN LOVING MEMORY: DEBRA LEE ANDERSON

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We know how happy you are to be reunited with Swede, your mate for over 45 years who passed away almost a year ago, with Deena your daughter who died at age 34, and with Gabrielle your granddaughter whom God took back at birth. What a royal welcome you must have gotten from them, our parents Wayne and Ruth Jaeger, Grandma Cleora Morrison, siblings Ronnie and Connie and many other loving relatives and friends as you returned to God's fold. We also hope the final ride home on "Jesus' boat" — an expression you've used in describing your Christian faith — was easier than your courageous fight throughout your recent illness.

You are the gracious, stoic heroine of your life story who faced each personal loss or difficult role without complaining, acting victimized, envying others with carefree lives, or losing faith in God's goodness. Your brave and lovable ways can only be described as "sorely missed" by close family and friends whom you've left behind. Because you've cared so deeply about our daily welfare amid your own troubles, we wonder who will give us healing help in the future or cry the heart-felt tears when we depart. You're also honored for your mindful habit of showing kindness, caring and humility in personal relationships...your respect for reason, intelligence and intuitive perceptions in

dealing with life's challenges...and your active interest in alternative spiritual paths, healing arts and scientific findings about the mind and body. We also admire your artist's eye for unique gifts and your avid support of local artists who became first-name friends throughout your faithful attendance of annual art events in Kearney. You not only acquired their art pieces for display, but also incorporated their creations into your own seasonal tabletop and front entrance designs, and landscape installations.

When approaching age 75 in the past year, you often arose early to appreciate a sunrise or paused to end the day with the setting sun. You loved your morning coffee, then listened to music for the soul, and enrichment programs on the internet for spiritual and personal growth.

Throughout the day, you guardedly watched the changing patterns of weather, kept up-to-date on world news and personally contacted your political representatives over issue concerns. You also reached out daily to family or friends through phone or e-mail, and gladly welcomed the neighborhood adults and children into your home for visits or special occasions. You faithfully fed the squirrels and birds gathering around your backyard feeder for peanuts and seeds, and you were also a literal "tree hugger" who revered the human connection with the largest and smallest of trees like those planted behind your house on a neighboring lot. In the spring, you joyfully anticipated the arrival of the Sandhill cranes and their departure around Easter.

However, you'll be remembered most for devotion to family members and friends in times of illness or emotional need, like eight years as a caretaker during Swede's chronic illness, and as an advocate for your sister Connie throughout her cancer-related complications. You'll be cherished as a true and loyal friend by those who eagerly sought your company or valued counsel, and will be remembered fondly by many others who provided you with home and business services, groceries, the seasonal arts and craft items and gifts you needed from local stores like the "ladies of Tripps Shopping," and the

medical, hospital and in-home health care services for Swede and then you. However, your greatest impact will come from your never-ending interest in children of family, friends and past and recent neighborhoods, and especially those with physical and learning disabilities whom you helped throughout your professional career with a M.A. degree in special education, and a certification as a regional public-school Special Education Director.

We send you off with our fervent wishes for a smooth transition to your heavenly realm, hope you know in your heart-of-hearts how blessed we feel about our past intermingled lives, and deeply mourn your loss because we miss you and “luv you, luv you, luv you” so much!

* Your brother Sid and sister Carol for the Jaeger Family *

Debra Lee (Jaeger) Anderson, age 75, of Kearney passed away Friday, May 8, 2020 in her home after a short illness. A private graveside service will be held at the Kearney Cemetery with Pastor Melody Adams officiating. There will be no visitation. Sympathy cards may be mailed to the Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral Home (in care of the Family of Debra Anderson) at 2421 Avenue A, Kearney, NE. 68847. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services of Kearney is in charge of the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall



“ *Debra L. Anderson*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *My heart broke a little when I heard the news. I thought when this covid stuff was over we could go visit her again. I never would have thought the last time we visited would be the last time we would get to hug her. She loved my kids soooo much and they loved her too. We all loved Debbie. She was the sweetest and had the biggest heart. If we were in Kearney visiting and the weather was suppose to get bad she would get so nervous and pretty much kick us out because she didn't want us to get stuck in a storm. When we lived in Kearney we were neighbors and my son who was 2 at the time would go visit Deb and Swede. Debbie loved teaching Rilan. He didn't need to go to preschool because he had teacher Debbie. We will miss her so much. The one thing that makes me happy is knowing she got to see her daughter and husband again.*

Lindsay Olson - May 28, 2020 at 03:08 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to all in the family of Deb Anderson*

My name is Vani Kotcherlakota and I was a dear friend of Deb when I lived in Kearney. She has had great impact on me and we shared our experiences and lessons of life.

I am deeply sorry to note that she is no more but I know she is happy to be united with Swede. May her soul Rest In Peace



vani - May 21, 2020 at 10:15 PM

JR

“ I am one of the Tripp's' ladies who loved your Deb. She was such a joy whenever she came into the store. Getting a cop of coffee for Swede & a chair for him to relax in while Deb shopped was something I won't forget . They were a happy team & so much fun to visit with & I appreciated sharing life stories with them in addition to her shopping. Loved her crazy hats; she gave me one I will keep & wear often, with a smile on my face as I think of this special friend. Julie Roach

Julie Roach - May 14, 2020 at 04:29 PM

SS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Stacy Schwartz - May 14, 2020 at 04:21 PM

SS

“ She was an amazing lady and will be dearly missed. I am the owner of Shopping Tripp's and she loved the store and all the gals that worked here. We all enjoyed her visits, helping her put gifts together for pretty much everyone she encountered and her spunky personality. She was a beautiful soul and this world needs more people like Debbie.

Stacy Schwartz - May 14, 2020 at 01:17 PM

MP

“Debbie, I am going to miss you so much. Our families go way back to when you first moved to Kearney. Jim Kalb a salesman at Payne Larson Furniture had coffee with a bunch of men at the donut shop and Swede started going there when he first moved to Kearney. So that first week when I told Jim I needed someone to help with our rentals, he told me to call Swede. Then when Valerie and Deena were cheerleaders we had so much fun. You called one day to see if you could bring your friends from McCook to see our house and we had a fun evening with hor d'oevures. Valerie and I had fun with you and Deena at your house taking the Reiki classes. Then you moved down by me! I am very sad to see you go, but I am so happy that you will be with your beloved Swede and Deena and your grand daughter Gabriel.
Marian Payne

Marian Payne - May 12, 2020 at 11:16 PM

TS

“I was one of her caregivers. I learned a lot from Debbie. In the morning she would go over prayers for friends and family. She would give thanks for prayers answered. She enjoyed so much watching the neighbor kids ride their toys and play. She was very kind and compassionate. Will miss you but you are in a better place. She talked of her family and loved them so. Luv u luv I luv u Debbie

tsmara - May 12, 2020 at 07:01 PM

KH

“We have always enjoyed Aunt Debbie because of her humor, honesty, integrity, kindness and spiritual energy. The Henry Family is relieved that she is free of pain and reunited with Deena and Uncle Swede.



Kelly Henry - May 12, 2020 at 04:56 PM

CJ

“ A beautiful lady with twinkling eyes, sly smile and such a kind heart. I will miss you!! 💕💕



Cynthia Jaeger - May 12, 2020 at 04:50 PM

BS

“ I met Debbie by her daughter and became great friends with the whole family. So many hours spent talking about life, faith, and anything else that could come along. Debbie, Deena, and Swede were always top notch people and I miss them. Peace to her family.

Bracken Sheldon - May 12, 2020 at 04:34 PM

CS

“ Carla and Terry Suero lit a candle in memory of Debbie, Swede, and Deena.



Carla C Suero - May 12, 2020 at 04:29 PM

MC

“ Only one word when we think of Deb & Swede.... kindness. May she rest in peace. Mike & Deb Costello

Mike & Deb Costello - May 12, 2020 at 03:45 PM

CJ

“ RIP Aunt Debbie.

Chad Jaeger - May 12, 2020 at 01:18 PM



“ Carol Chur lit a candle in memory of Debra L. Anderson



Carol Chur - May 11, 2020 at 07:47 PM